The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

August 2025

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Baronial Bite

To the most incredible populace of Unser Hafen, do your proud Baronesses greet you!

We want to thank everyone for helping Us make coronation such a success! Other than a little bit of melting, this event truly could not have been better. Our Barony stepped up and showed the Kingdom what a talented, hard working, and joyful land this is. For that, We thank you.

Please take note! We will be traveling to the lands of Caerthe on August 15th for Saint Sebastian's tournament where We will choose Our next archery champion. Please join Us for what will surely be a glorious day!

On the horizon: there will be a camping event in Unser Hafen in September that will feature heavy fighting and bardic arts! We will be choosing Our heavy champion at this event, so if you are interested, please keep your eyes out for information that will be available soon.

Also, take note: We will be engaging in conversations and asking opinions of the good gentles of Unser Hafen as to what the next steps are for Our fair Barony. We want to support Our people and make Our home a place where there is joy and fulfillment. For that, We need your thoughts! Keep an eye out for more information about this as well.

As always, We love you and are proud of you all.

Kitta and Safiyya

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

I hope everyone is staying comfortable in this scorching summer heat. Battlemoor ended with some exciting encounters with bears, 3 new Orders of the Mark and many other awards and recognitions for Unser Hafen.

Shortly after that, Unser Hafen hosted the Outlands Summer Coronation. I was not able to be there but, I heard many compliments on both Coronation on Saturday and the tournaments on Sunday. My congratulations to those offers of Peerage and awards given by Their Majesties.

Our monthly meetings will continue to be virtual, as finding an appropriate and affordable meeting place has become daunting. Our first social meeting will be 6:30 pm August 20th, at 3Margaritas in Loveland.

With Pennsic LII underway, there are still other events in August and September that might interest Unser Hafen: Arquelle Defender, Caerthe's St. Sebastian's archery event and Enduro on the Nile in Caer Galen. In addition, the Barony of al-Barran will be hosting their Champions
event and A&S Collegium. The Shire of Draca-Mor will be hosting S.T.A.G (Summer Tournament and Games).
For more information on these or any other events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars. In addition, there is an "Unser Hafen at Battlemoor" Facebook page for
more information regarding camping and other activities for the Barony.

Until then, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

Hello, good folk of Unser Hafen!

We've had quite a few name and device submissions this month! I'll give a quick shoutout to our chatelaine, Lord Gilbertus, who has been taking up some consultations of his own. I really appreciate it! The joy of research must be spread ever further…

Alas, I'm still working on my personal schedule and won't have heraldic office hours available this month, either. I aim to have this rectified by September,

Pennsic! Feel free to come up and say hi.

With that, I'm looking forward to a more restful August. Thank you to all who stopped by the heraldic consultation tent during Battlemoor. I definitely had a lot of fun! Though if you couldn't make it, worry not—my inbox is always open, so shoot me a message anytime you need some heraldic help or advice.

Yours in service,

Hilarion, Barbican

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Scribal Notes

August's **Scribal Night** will be on the third Monday, August 18th. **VENUE CHANGE for August: It will be held at UNC University Center, in the Aspenwood Suites, hosted by Bears Gate.** This is the same building where May's Unser Hafen Investiture was held, and where July's Summer Coronation was held, but a different room. Outside food is allowed but dinner (so far) will not be provided.

Mistress Anne Elizabeth has offered to host a discussion on How You Know You're Ready to Be A Working Scribe, and can offer suggestions and advice if samples of work are brought.

We will resume our calligraphy and illumination classes in September when Regalis returns to hosting. The proposed schedule is below, and suggestions for future classes and topics are enthusiastically welcomed.

18 August - What Makes a Scribe discussion
15 September - Carolingian Script: Introduction and Review
20 October - Open Night
17 November - Carolingian Illumination
15 December - Yule Party!

Call for Deputies! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You can contact her at scribe@unserhafen.org, via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

Regalis del Falchi & Galen FitzThomas

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Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Dwayne Webster Veterans Park
400-422 W Eisenhower Blvd,
Loveland CO 80537

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Medieval Night

First Monday of every month
6-9 pm at Locust Ciderry,
200 Walnut St, Fort Collins.
Map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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White Rose Inn

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The White Rose Inn is on hiatus for the Summer until September 10, when we will start up again with a presentation on "Foods of the Middle Ages".

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Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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SCA Video Conversations

Greetings from Lady Valerie from Unser Hafen! I have a personal request. Would anyone like to have a video conversation with me about your SCA journey and learning endeavors? These would just be an easier, quieter way to get to know other gentles in the Barony. I can't always make it to the events and it would be nice to meet other gentles who I haven't met before. Or have a more in depth conversation with you.

They can be recorded or not recorded, per your preference. Thinking about 45 minutes to an hour in length. I used a Zoom like app called, Streamyard that is browser based. I can manage one to two conversations a month with my other obligations.

I enjoy learning and would like to talk with other learners. If you are interested, please send me an email at val@valerieflynn.com with the Subject “SCA Video Conversations”. Looking forward to talking with you soon!

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Media Team
Voices in the Box Project

We’d like to thank Lady Laurel for all her hard work behind the scenes for building our beautiful new website! And all the dedicated webminsters and chroniclers before us who served throughout the years.

If you have bookmarks to the old Wix website, please go to https://unserhafen.outlands.org/ and create new bookmarks for your favorite pages.

If you have questions on where something got moved to, please send me an email at webminister@unserhafen.org .

With the fresh new website, we’d like to introduce a new endeavor of the Media Team, The Voices in the Box project!

it be the history of the barony, a bardic contribution or sharing about what you're learning in A&S.

We can record one person a month using our alchemy powers of the aether. Sorry, no editing on this stage is available. Our magic only can do so much. Editing might be available in the future.

If your video wizardry powers are mightier than ours, you're welcome to record and edit your own video to send to the Social Media Officer to post on our YouTube channel and we'll post it on the website too.

Please remember we can't post your video without a media release form. Details will be on the website. And make sure your materials don't violate copyright laws.

We hope to collect a video archives of the lore and legends of our esteemed barony. Exalt our bards and minstrels and learn something new from each others' SCA journeys.

This is where we put the spotlight on you, our marvelous gentles!

Please reach out to us if you have something to share. Whether it be our barony's history, a bardic delight or a helpful thing you learned about. Even a personal story about getting involved in one of the Barony's activities.

Looking forward to hearing your Voices in the Box!

Yours in service,

Lady Valerie and the Media Team

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Baronial Goings On

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing!
Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged

Archery Practice
Outdoor Archery practice will start Saturday, April 5th. Time is from 10 am until noon. Our outdoor location is the Windsor Archery Range at HWY 257 & Poudre Trail Road. (Use “Poudre Trail Road and Colorado 257” in your mapping application.)

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Barbican Office Hours
On hiatus for July.
Time and place to be determined.

(What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican Pursuivant, hosts monthly in-person office hours for anyone interested in any aspect of heraldry to come and speak to

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Craft Day at Aslief's
Every first Saturday, April through October.
10 am to 6 pm.
1601 Turkey Walk Trail
Loveland, CO 80537
See website for more information and maps.

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.
Venue change for August:
UNC University Center, in the Aspenwood Suites, hosted by Bears Gate.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All these and more are fair game, come on by!)

First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Archery Practice
First Sunday of the month, noon to 4 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Upcoming Events

Pennsic LII
July 25 - August 10

Aarquelle Defender

August 2nd 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Mineral Palace Park Rose Garden
1600 N. Santa Fe
Pueblo, Co
Join us for our annual martial champions event.This will be a day of fun and pageantry held in Mineral Palace Park, the same spot we have our weekly combat practice.
Bring your banners, shields, and any other heraldic items you may have to display around the list field.
There will be a Super Six largess drive; bring seven identical hand made items; six for largess and one for a prize pool for participants.
Event Site

Dragon's Fount of Knowledge

August 9 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pikes Peak Library District East Library,
5550 N Union Blvd.,
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Join us for a day of classes with the topics ranging across all of what we do in and for the game. These range from A&S classes, to martial classes, and even to the various forms of service. What classes that will be taught will be entirely based on what the teachers themselves desire, and are comfortable and confident enough to teach.

Site Fee: Free, but donations are accepted!
Event Site

St. Sebastian's Archery

August 15 12:00 noon - August 17 4:00 pm
36725 Fiddleback Ranch Road
Kiowa, CO
This year will be an outdoor camping event running from Friday Aug 15th, 2025, at 12 PM to Sunday Aug 17th, 2025, 4 PM.
The activities, during the event, will highlight the disciplines included in the new peerage that is being considered.
For your entertainment, there will be a Grand Hunt, an Atlatl competition, and weapons to throw. For those who wish to try their hand at the Interkingdom Combat archery shoot, loaner gear will be available. Come prepared for Trebuchet Bingo!
Do you have equipment you no longer use? Do you need to replace some equipment? Come prepared to sell, barter and trade at the swap meet. Please bring gently used gear. Please contact the event steward for more information about the swap meet.
Event Site

Enduro on the Nile

August 22 1:00 pm - August 24 5:00pm
Fort Luptin
2001 Historic Parkway
Fort Luptin CO

Time to put your questing hat on and head for the mysterious lands of ancient Egypt! Fratricide and intrigue have set the Nile in a panic, and only YOU can put it right! Return to Enduro in the fertile Nile Valley, east of Caer Galen, bring your team or join one when you get there, and prepare to face the challenges only jealous gods, mysterious builders, and the sands of time can create!

Jotunnstaor II -- Northern Baronial Champions
"Of rhymes and rattan"

September 12@5:30 pm - September 14@12:00 pm
LCCC Vedawoo Natural History Site
199 Road 210
Cheyenne, Wyoming 8200

Join us in the Vedawauwoo primitive Wilderness for a weekend of Heavy Fighting, Bardic and Revelry! Participating baronies will select their Heavy and Bardic Champions at this event.
This is a primitive site. Attendees will be expected to bring their own water and food as well as pack out their own trash. Trash bags will be provided. This event will be a celebration of Rattan Heavy Combat and Bardic Performances. Pack your helm, tune your Lute, and come join us for a weekend of revelry in the beautiful Vedawauwoo Wilderness.
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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

Populace Meeting

Virtual Populace Meeting

August's Populace Meeting will be
our first quarterly social meeting,
August 205h at 6:30 pm at
3 Margaritas,
147 Cheyenne Ave, Loveland
(just off Hwy 34)

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

For questions, contact seneschal@unserhafen.org

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Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

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Defender - Lord Primus
Protector - THL AgmundrThorolfsson
Warden - Lord Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lord Gilbertus
Pencerdd Bard - Viðbjǫrn Orðlokarrto
Heads of Household - THL Cecilia Caterina de Firenze and Lord Eilifr Breiðskeggr

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Call for Letters of Intent

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Chronicler, who creates and distributes this newsletter, using a free MailChimp account. Maintains list of subscribers in MailChimp..Also responsible for any graphics needed using Inkscaoe (free).

Social Media

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Social Media, who keeps social media accounts, such as Facebook, up to date with the latests news.

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baronesses Kitta and Safiyya, via baroness@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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Baronial Officers

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Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement. See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
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{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards is available here.

Copy/paste versions of embedded website links:

Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

- https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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